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HINCKLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Annual Reports

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year ended 31st December, 1957

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W. D. CRUICKSHANK, M.B., CH.B. and
E. MELSON, F.A.P.H.I.

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HEALTH COMMITTEE

(as composed 31st December, 1957)

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" T. O. McGRAH,

" J. G. S. TOMPKINS, B.A.,

" W. K. WILEMAN.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

of the

HINCKLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Medical Officer of Health:

W. D. CRUICKSHANK, M.B., Ch.B. (Aberdeen)

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E. MELSON, F.A.P.H.I. (1.2.3.)

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Public Health Inspector:

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G. A. HULME

Clerks:

Mrs. E. E. CLARK

Miss N. E. JENNINGS

Pupil Public Health Inspector:

A. G. TOON

Rodent Operator:

T. FITZPATRICK

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1. Joint Board Certificate for Public Health Inspector.
2. Royal Society of Health Meat and Other Foods Inspectors Certificate.
3. Royal Society of Health Diploma for Sanitary Science as applied to Buildings and Public Works.
4. Associate Membership Examination of the Institution of Public Health Engineers.

A N N U A L R E P O R T
For the year 1957

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To the Chairman and Members of the Hinckley Urban District Council.

Madam and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege once more to present for your information the Annual Report on the Health of the District.

The General Health of the Community

This has been satisfactory and the nutritional level remains as high as ever it was. There is, of course, evidence through dental decay of too much sweet consumption by children and too little practice of mouth hygiene.

Notifiable Diseases

I am glad to be able to note a marked fall in the incidence of DYSENTERY and of FOOD POISONING. Both these disorders of the stomach and bowel are largely preventable by attention to personal hygiene by the public and, in particular, by those engaged in the handling and preparation of food. "HAVE I WASHED MY HANDS ?" should be in everyone's mind before eating or handling food.

There was a moderate epidemic of MEASLES and a rise in the number of cases of WHOOPING COUGH notified. Both these diseases were mild in type. 13 confirmed cases of POLIOMYELITIS occurred during the year. No deaths were reported from any of the diseases mentioned above.

Tuberculosis

The number of new cases notified (23) is identical with, but the mortality (3) was less than half, the figures for 1956.

Immunisation against Smallpox, Poliomyelitis and Diphtheria

No figures of the numbers of children vaccinated against SMALLPOX are available, but the risk of a serious epidemic in Great Britain is not a little one with ships and aircraft coming from Eastern Countries where Smallpox is more or less endemic, I would urge every parent to have their children protected.

POLIOMYELITIS immunisation has made a start but it is as yet much too early to comment on the results. I have every hope however that this will prove as effective in stamping out the disease as did the DIPHTHERIA Immunisation campaign - which, begun just before the last war, has virtually banished what was once a very killing disease. But, as I have in effect written many times before, if parents neglect to have their children given this simple painless preventive treatment in infancy Diphtheria will eventually come back into an inadequately protected community with disastrous results. Does any citizen want to see an empty cot in the home of one of his children when grown up, simply because neither they nor their children were immunised ?

Vital Statistics

The Birth Rate shows a slight rise, as does the Death Rate, both remaining just below the National Level for England and Wales.

The Infantile Mortality Rate has also risen a little - but the change is not significant. I am however pleased to record a definite reduction in the number of illegitimate births. May this continue.

Food Hygiene

In my report for 1956 I paid tribute to the co-operation received from the Local Food Traders, but pointed out the unsatisfactory Sanitary conditions in the town market - under the control of the Urban District Council. I regret to say that during the past year there has been no improvement and I must place on record that this is now creating difficulties for members of the Health Department Staff in their dealing with the Local Food Traders, who allege discrimination in favour of the Market Traders.

I hope wiser counsels will prevail and that in the not far distant future such steps will be taken as will give no further cause for criticism of the Market Sanitary conditions.

Mortuary

For long the mortuary facilities were inadequate, and after prolonged negotiations, a new Mortuary was built, beneath the shadow of Holy Trinity Church, and, at a ceremony in February 1957 was dedicated by the Vicar of Holy Trinity and formally declared open by the Chairman of the Council.

This building, the design for which was approved by the Ministry of Health, should serve the needs of the district for many years to come, and should the need arise is capable of coping with the results of anything short of a major disaster.

The aged and infirm

No formal action has had to be taken under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act (1948), but the staff have dealt informally with a small number of cases.

As this is the last report which will appear over my signature I may perhaps crave your indulgence if I look back to 1945, when I took over from the late Dr. J. H. Donnell, and thus demonstrate the changes (not all to the good) that have occurred in Hinckley over the past dozen years or so.

In 1945 the population was 34,400, it has now increased to 40,090, the number of inhabited houses in the town then 10,740 is now 13,263.

The rateable value has risen from £190,929 to £427,200 and the product of a penny rate from £768 to £1,716.

In Infectious Diseases. 46 cases of DIPHTHERIA (with one death) were notified in 1945 and there has been no notified case since 1948 - thanks to immunisation.

There was no mention of Dysentery in 1945, and in TUBERCULOSIS (all types) 48 cases with 20 deaths are mentioned in the Report for 1945, against 23 cases and 3 deaths in 1957.

Since the war much legislation affecting Public Health has come on to the Statute Books - with consequent increasing work and responsibilities for the Inspectors, and doubtless it will be found expedient in the not far distant future to bring the establishment up to strength.

The Health Department is not one of the "Spending Departments" and if the results of prevention of disease could be measured in financial terms this Department might well be considered as an "Earning" one.

I could wish that the present emphasis on "CURE" could be transferred to that of "PREVENTION" and that it should become the commonplace and not the exception for persons to go to their General Practitioner asking advice on prevention, and further I could wish that this aspect had greater prominence in the training of young practitioners today.

To you Mr. Chairman and to all Members of the Public Health Committee I offer my thanks for the consideration always extended to me, and to the Chief Public Health Inspector and all others who labour in the Health

Department in the interests of the Public, my gratitude for their unfailing help and the good humoured way in which they shoulder the extra burdens which the advance of civilization seems to bring.

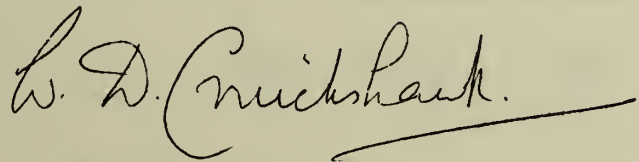
In conclusion I should like to acknowledge the kindness and courtesy so freely shown by the County Medical Officer and his Deputy.

ANGLIAE COR, VALE.

I have the honour to be

Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. D. Cruickshank". The signature is written in dark ink and is followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that extends to the right.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(For comparative purposes last year's figures have been inserted
in brackets)

Area in Acres	...	11,882	
Registrar General's estimate of population	...	40,090	(40,020)
No. of inhabited houses at 31/12/57	...	13,263	(12,906)
Product of a penny rate at 31/3/57	...	£1,716/16/4	(£892/5/3)
Rateable value at 31/3/57	...	£427,200	(£226,282)

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Births</u>					<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Live Births	...	...	...	...	307	322	629	(593)
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	298	314	612	(564)
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	9	8	17	(29)

Birth Rate - 15.68 (14.81) per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.

					<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Still Births	...	...	...	...	13	2	15	(16)
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	11	2	13	(15)
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	2	-	2	(-)

Rate - .37 (.39) per 1,000 population.

Deaths

Death Rate - 9.90 (8.89) per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.

Deaths: Males 201, Females 196, - Total 397 (356)
 Deaths from puerperal causes ... Nil (Nil)
 Deaths from other maternal causes ... Nil (Nil)

Infantile Mortality Rate 30.20 (25.29)
 (Rate per 1,000 live births)

					<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Deaths of infants under one year of age					8	11	19	(15)
Deaths of infants under four weeks of age					6	9	15	(12)

VITAL STATISTICS - COMPARATIVE TABLE

	Birth rate per 1,000 population		Death rate per 1,000 population. All causes.	Rate per 1,000 live births. Total deaths under one year.
	Live Births	Still Births		
England & Wales	16.1	.36	11.5	23.0
HINCKLEY U.D.C.	15.68 ⁺	.37	9.90 ⁺	30.20

+ The corrected figures for the birth and death rates after the crude rates have been multiplied by the area comparability factors are - 15.36 and 12.47 respectively.

The area comparability factor is arrived at by comparison of the age and sex constitution of each community with that of the whole country at the time of the Census, and when the crude death rate is multiplied by this factor, an adjusted death rate is obtained by which some comparison may be made between communities.

Other Mortality Statistics

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>1957 Total</u>	<u>1956 Total</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	1	3	6
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	2
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	10	15	7
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	14	3	17	12
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	5	5	10
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1	1
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms.	23	20	43	41
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-	1	2
16. Diabetes	1	5	6	4
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	26	32	58	53
18. Coronary disease, angina	36	22	58	46
19. Hypertension with heart disease	12	12	24	20
20. Other heart disease	19	29	48	39

Contd. ...

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>1957 Total</u>	<u>1956 Total</u>
Brought forward	140	140	280	243
21. Other circulatory disease	8	10	18	21
22. Influenza	2	5	7	-
23. Pneumonia	6	4	10	7
24. Bronchitis	13	3	16	19
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	3	-	3	1
26. Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	1	-	1	2
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-	1	-
28. Nephritis & nephrosis	1	1	2	4
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-	2	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	2	2	8
32. Other defined and ill defined diseases	14	26	40	32
33. Motor Vehicle accidents	2	-	2	-
34. All other accidents	6	5	11	13
35. Suicide	2	-	2	4
36. Homicide & operations of war	-	-	-	1
 TOTAL DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES	 201	 196	 397	 356
	(175)	(181)		

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. The Public Health Officers of the Authority are set out on Page 2 of the Report.
2. Laboratory Facilities

Examinations are almost wholly performed at the Public Health Laboratory at the Groby Road Hospital, Leicester, which is under the control of Dr. N. S. Mair.

Chemical examination of water samples is performed by Mr. S. B. Bratley, F.C.S., of Oadby.

The following specimens were examined during the year at the Public Health Laboratory:-

Nose and Throat Swabs	...	...	...	...	...	25
Faeces and Urine	...	...	...	...	...	1,450
Blood	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sputa	...	...	...	...	...	134
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	55
Water	...	...	...	...	...	25
Ice-Cream	...	...	...	...	...	49
Whooping Cough Swabs	...	...	...	...	...	20
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	33
TOTAL						<u>1,794</u> (3,525)

3. Prevalence and Control over Infectious Diseases

Diphtheria Immunisation

	Children	
	Under five years	5 - 14 years
Total number immunised during year	309 (350)	23 (8)
Total number immunised since beginning of scheme	6878 (6569)	5096 (5073)
Number of children receiving booster dose of immunisation	270 (306)	

Of 629 children born in 1957 - 11 were immunised.

" 593 " " " 1956 - 241 " "

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

The following table shows the diseases notified during 1957 and the distribution of them:-

DISEASE	HINCKLEY CENTRAL WARDS	BARWELL	BURBAGE	EARL SHILTON	TOTAL
Dysentery Confirmed Not Conf'd	17(34) 10(16)	2(138) - (6)	5(6) 2(4)	2(35) - (1)	26(213) 12 (27)
Erysipelas	- (-)	- (-)	-(-)	4 (1)	4 (1)
Food Poisoning Confirmed Not Conf'd	1 (6) 8(10)	3 (16) - (-)	2(11) 3 (1)	1 (8) - (-)	7 (41) 11 (11)
Measles	130 (-)	73 (-)	138(1)	22 (-)	363 (4)
Meningococcal Infection	- (1)	- (-)	-(-)	1 (-)	1 (1)
Pneumonia	5 (-)	- (-)	1(-)	5 (1)	11 (1)
Poliomyelitis Paralytic Non-Para.	+ 5 (-) 4 (-)	- (-) - (-)	1(-) 3(-)	+ - (-) 2 (-)	6 (-) 9 (-)
Scarlet Fever	8 (6)	1 (-)	7(12)	11 (3)	27 (21)
Whooping Cough	34(18)	16(18)	66(13)	43 (2)	159 (51)
TOTALS	222(91)	95(178)	228(49)	91(51)	636(369)

+ Two cases not confirmed.

(Totals include all cases notified)

(Figures in brackets represent last year's figures - they do not necessarily add up to the total figure shown as some diseases occurred last year but not this.)

AGE GROUPS AND SEX

DISEASE		U N D E R						Over	Age	Total		TOTAL
		1	3	5	10	15	25	25	Un-known	M.	F.	
Dysentery	M.	-	-	2	6	1	1	3	-	13		38
	F.	-	2	2	9	1	-	11	-	25		
Erysipelas	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4		4
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Food Poisoning	M.	-	2	3	3	-	1	1	-	10		18
	F.	-	1	1	3	1	-	1	1	8		
Measles	M.	4	42	44	97	-	-	-	3	190		363
	F.	2	32	54	84	-	-	-	1	173		
Meningococcal Infection	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1
	F.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1		
Pneumonia	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4		11
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7		
Poliomyelitis	M.	-	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	6		15
	F.	-	2	1	4	-	-	2	-	9		
Scarlet Fever	M.	-	2	1	6	1	-	-	-	10		27
	F.	-	1	5	9	2	-	-	-	17		
Whooping Cough	M.	5	10	20	32	1	-	-	-	68		159
	F.	11	11	32	34	2	-	-	1	91		
TOTALS	M.	9	58	71	145	4	3	12	3	305		636
	F.	13	49	95	144	6	-	21	3	331		

National Assistance Act 1948, s.47

Six persons, two men and four women who were in need of care and attention were dealt with.

Four of these were persuaded to go into hospital.

One man and his wife made some attempt to improve their personal and living conditions.

Tuberculosis

No action has been taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under s.172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

15 new cases were added to the register during the year.

8 Inward Transfer cases were also added.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY 1957

(including Inward Transfer of cases outside the area)

AGE	NEW CASES 1957				DEATHS 1957			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" 15 "	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
" 25 "	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
" 35 "	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
" 45 "	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
" 55 "	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
Over 55 "	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	(⁸ ₁₂)	(¹⁴ ₁₀)	(¹ ₁)	(⁻ ₋)	(² ₃)	(¹ ₃)	(⁻ ₋)	(⁻ ₂)

DISTRIBUTION OF NEW CASES

DISTRICT	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Hinckley (Central Wards)	3	2	-	-
Barwell	-	1	-	-
Burbage	2	3	1	-
Earl Shilton	-	3	-	-
Inward transfer of cases outside area	3	5	-	-
TOTALS	(⁸ ₁₂)	(¹⁴ ₁₀)	(¹ ₁)	(⁻ ₋)

To the Chairman and Members of the Hinckley Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my thirtieth Annual Report upon the administration of your Public Health Inspector's Department.

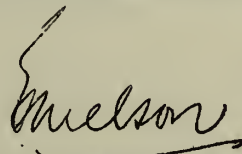
The year has been a difficult one. As set out in my last report, the additional legislation which came into being coincided with a reduced technical staff, similar in fact to that existing in the year 1937. No replacement staff was obtained by the middle of the year. I therefore presented a report upon the administration of the department with special reference to the duties of the Public Health Inspectors to the Health and Establishment Committees. I set out the duties that were being done, those that were being done when applications or complaints arose and those that were not being done. The Health Committee agreed with the utilisation of the inspectors' time and asked that a further attempt should be made to obtain replacement staff. This was done without any success being achieved. The result is that much work that should be done, cannot be done and the standard of our administration which has been assiduously built up, is now inevitably falling.

One hundred per cent meat and food inspection was maintained, the removal of unfit houses was continued and all calls and enquiries regarding the Rent Acts were met.

As much time as was possible has been given to the duties under the Food Hygiene Regulations and the Clean Air Act.

I wish to record my thanks to the Members and Officers of the Council and to Dr. W. D. Cruickshank the Medical Officer of Health for their support and co-operation and to the Health Department staff for their most valued assistance throughout the year.

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Muelson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. WATER SUPPLY

The quality of the public supply has been satisfactory.

The quantity available is insufficient, this is due to the inadequate supply of water being available and to a less degree, to factors of distribution.

The Works Committee are aware of this situation and until the River Dove supply is available they are taking steps to augment the supply and effect economies by changing over from steam pumps to electrically operated centrifugal pumps at the Snarestone deep well. Action is to be taken to improve the distribution of water to parts of the Burbage Ward.

Examination of Water

(a) Town Water

16 samples were taken, 14 for bacteriological and 2 for chemical examination. All the samples were certified as satisfactory.

(b) Well Water

2 samples were taken for bacteriological examination, both being satisfactory.

27 wells were closed.

Water supply to Dwelling Houses in the District

Of the 40,090 people who live in 13,263 houses, 39,670 in 13,130 houses have an internal supply of town water. 258 people in 86 houses have a supply of town water from external standposts and 190 people in 67 houses obtain their supply from wells or springs.

86 houses, formerly occupied by 258 persons who had a supply from external standposts were demolished.

27 houses containing 81 people had a town supply of water in lieu of a well or spring supply.

2.15 miles of water main were constructed during the year.

2. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Works of sewerage have been completed to provide for housing development at sites in the Burbage and Earl Shilton Wards.

Approval was received from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to proceed with half of the scheme of surface water drainage to relieve the overcharged sewers in the Tudor Road district.

3. CESSPOOLS

There are 112 cesspools and 17 septic tanks, one new cesspool was constructed and 6 abolished.

4. SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

There are 14,475 water closets, and 195 pail closets. 8 pail closets were converted to W.Cs.

From May 1956, the Council decided to pay £5. towards the cost of converting each pail closet to a W.C.

There are no privies or privy-middens.

5. PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse and collection is dealt with by direct labour under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor. Six Karrier Bantam and one Shelvoke and Drewry vehicles are used for refuse collection.

Disposal takes place by controlled tipping on land in the Earl Shilton Ward and trade refuse by partial controlled tipping in the Barwell Ward.

Collection of refuse is generally once per week with occasional longer periods.

6. DUSTBINS

331 visits were made at 76 premises regarding the provision of satisfactory dustbins.

7 dustbins were still in need of replacement at the end of the year.

7. INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Complaints

312 recorded complaints were received.
161 concerned infestations of rats, mice, beetles, etc.
84 concerned public health matters.
41 concerned housing matters, and
26 concerned atmospheric pollution.

Premises

1,219 premises were inspected relating to 758 nuisances or defects which were discovered and dealt with.

Number of Inspections

	<u>Initial Inspections</u>	<u>Re-visits</u>	<u>Total</u>
Accumulations	6	3	9
Animal Keeping	44	45	89
Dustbins, refuse collection and sanitary accommodation	31	10	41
Nuisances	222	409	631
Drainage Works	141	273	414
Moveable Dwellings	66	60	126
Clean Air	67	279	346
Housing	251	356	607
Overcrowding	16	1	17
Water Supply and Sampling	27	7	34
Rats & Mice Destruction	71	50	121
Food Premises	237	158	395
Meat & Food Inspection	1270	194	1464
Knackers Yard	1	9	10
Dairies	16	3	19
Milk Sampling	60	-	60
Factories Act	17	21	38
Shops Act	10	-	10
Infectious Diseases	26	10	36
Dysentery Investigations	719	669	1388
Food Poisoning	109	1	110
National Assistance Act	11	3	14
Rent Acts	219	7	226
Other Inspections	<u>181</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>355</u>
TOTALS	<u>3,818</u>	<u>2,742</u>	<u>6,560</u>

8. NOTICES

<u>Informal</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding 1st January	52	37
Issued during year	59	170
Complied with during year	52	171
Statutory action necessary	20	-
Outstanding 31st December	59	43
 <u>Statutory</u>	 <u>Housing</u>	 <u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding 1st January	-	-
Issued during year	20	-
Complied with during year	16	-
Outstanding 31st December	4	-

9. SUMMARY ACTION

One summons was issued relating to the sale of a stale sausage roll contrary to the provisions of s.2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. The purveyor was fined £2. plus costs.

10. SHOPS ACT

One contravention relating to the maintenance of a reasonable temperature and one relating to the provision of washing facilities were abated.

11. MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

126 inspections were made relating to 30 moveable dwellings or sites,
13 new applications were received,
8 new licences were issued after required works had been completed,
23 licences were issued,
18 contraventions were found,
24 were abated, 12 from action started in 1956.
9 caravans moved from the district.

12. REGULATED BUILDINGS

There are no offensive trade premises in the area.

13. THE PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Three premises are licensed, one less than last year. Seven inspections were made at the premises and conditions were reasonably satisfactory.

14. RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are 6 registered premises for upholstering, etc., we have no licensed premises for the manufacture or storage of rag flock.

15. CLEAN AIR

169 observations were made on chimneys in connection with 22 premises and 346 inspections were made.

412 test plates were laid in connection with the grit and soot nuisances from 2 premises, several of these being placed in various parts of the district for comparative purposes.

Smoke was emitted in such quantity as to be a nuisance on 42 occasions, and grit or soot emission was deposited in such quantity as in my opinion, to be a nuisance, on 21 occasions.

These nuisances occurred in connection with 6 premises.

Abatement of nuisances was obtained by the following action :-

Increasing the height of the stack	= 2
Obtaining better quality fuel	= 1
Changing from coal to coke fuel	= 1
Better attention to operation of mechanical stoker.	= 1

In one instance N.I.F.E.S. were making a full investigation into the boiler plant and space heating system. The chimney at these premises has emitted varying quantities of black and dark smoke for some time and the occupiers have been asked to abate this condition promptly.

The emission of grit and soot to which I referred in my last Annual Report still exists.

A number of test plates were put down and occasionally those put down near the Health Department for comparative purposes were found to be showing more deposited grit or soot than those within the specific area of complaint.

Whenever boiler users are seen the careful use of the draught, either natural or artificial especially during early morning, is stressed. I believe carelessness at this time is one of the main causes of grit or soot emission.

The Clean Air Act, 1956

The Health Committee asked the Building and Planning Committee to adopt the Model Byelaw 106A. Smoke Prevention to the existing Building Byelaws.

The purpose of adopting the byelaw is to facilitate smoke abatement in future by securing that domestic appliances in buildings erected from now on are of types which can be operated without smoke. This is particularly important in places which may be declared smoke control areas later on. The Council would also save money in conversion costs where the work was done in default and lessen the expense and trouble of proceedings for contraventions of s.11.

To obtain full benefit of the Clean Air Act, all persons should be prepared to do something themselves and to persuade and support others to act in a similar manner. The industrialists in the main are aware of the need. A small minority of the general public expect the atmosphere to be cleared forthwith whilst many of the people do not seem to be bothered about the cleanliness of the air. Many do not appreciate that the domestic chimney is included for the purposes of the Act.

No proposals or plans for the construction of new chimneys were submitted during the year for approval regarding their height under s.11 of the Act.

16. ERADICATION OF VERMIN

20 premises were dealt with, 9 dwellings and 11 business premises. The infestations were of a varied nature but did not include any bed bugs.

17. VERMINOUS PERSONS

No verminous persons were treated during the year.

18. HOUSING

A. New Houses

Houses, permanent type, completed during year:-

By local authority	...	128
By private enterprise	...	254

Houses in course of erection at end of the year:-

By local authority	...	58
By private enterprise	...	167

Total number of post war houses completed:		
By local authority	...	1652
By private enterprise	...	1454
Number of applicants for Council houses at end of year	...	564
Number of applications received during year	...	272
Number of families rehoused since the termination of hostilities:-		
(a) in new houses	...	1659
(b) in vacancies which have arisen	...	544
No. of Council houses in the district at 31/12/57	...	3095
No. of Council houses in the district at 31/12/39	...	1525

B. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1)(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	226
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	1046
(2)(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under (sub-head) (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932.	...	99
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	607
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	...	99

C. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts.	...	104
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D. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

(1) Public Health Acts

Houses in which defects were remedied:

(a) By owners	...	Nil
(b) By local authority in default of owners	...	Nil

(2) Housing Act

No Statutory action under this Act was taken regarding the enforcement of repairs.

(3) Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954

Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved and Demolition Orders revoked, s.5.	...	Nil
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19. E. REMOVAL OF UNFIT HOUSES

(a) The following 105 houses were demolished:-

	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
AREA NO.54. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$, 16 & 18, Wood Street.E/S.	3	5	3
" " 58. 94,96,98,100 and 102, Station Rd. Earl Shilton.	5	12	5
" " 61. 2 & 4, Whites Yard.	2	2	2
" " 63. 29,31,33,35, Mill St.Barwell.	4	6	3
" " 72. 28,29,30,31, Mill View. 1 to 27,incl. Victoria Street.	31	93	32
" " 73. 45,47,47a, Keats Lane.	3	11	3
" " 74. 21,23,25, Derby Road.	3	7	2
Cd.fwd.	51	136	50

		<u>Houses</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
	Bt. fwd.	51	136	50
AREA NO. 75.	81 & 83, Coventry Road, 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, 9,10,11,12,13,14, 15,16,17,18,20, 22 & 24, Brick Kiln Street.	23	78	23
" "	76. 72,74,76,78, Factory Road.	4	7	3
" "	78. 21,23,25,27,29, 31,33,35/37,34, 36,38/40,39,41, 42,44,46,48,50, 52, High Street, Earl Shilton.	19	44	19
" "	80. 95,97,99,101,103, 105,107,Church St. Earl Shilton.	7	19	7
" "	81. 6 Coventry Road.	1	1	1
		105	285	103

(b) INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES DEMOLISHED

	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
2 Freemans Lane	1	5	1
Station Road, Stoke Golding	5	9	4
(2 known as Crown Hill Cottages.)			
(3 " " Freemans Cottages)			
27,29,31,Derby Road.	3	13	3
8 Horsepool	1	6	1
47 Wood Street,Earl Shilton.	1	2	1
2,4,6, Stapleton Lane.	3	5	2
		14	40
		12	

(c) HOUSES CLOSED UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MISCELLANEOUS (PROVISIONS) ACT, 1953 AND SECTIONS 17 AND 35 HOUSING ACT, 1957.

		<u>Houses</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
1 Wood Street.	Castle	1	5	1
57 Chapel Street.	Barwell	1	3	1
12 New Street.	De Montfort	1	6	1
57 New Street.	De Montfort	1	3	1
10 Wood Street.	Castle	1	4	2
127 Church Street.	Burbage	1	3	1
		6	24	7

(d) HOUSES DEMOLISHED INFORMALLY

		<u>Houses</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
Nos. 6,8,10,12,17,19,21,) 23,25,27, King) Georges Way.)	... }	16	56	16
Nos. 46,48,61 & 63,) William Iliffe St.)				
No. 21 John Nichols St.)				
No. 23 " " ")				

These dwellings are the hutments which were constructed around 1943 when suitable building materials were difficult to obtain. They are now unfit and being demolished immediately after the tenants have been rehoused.

(e) FIVE YEAR PROGRAMME OF SLUM CLEARANCE

(a) The following 87 houses were represented and dealt with under Part III of the Housing Act, 1936 in 16 Areas.

			<u>No. of Houses</u>	<u>No. of Persons</u>
AREA NO.81.	Coventry Road (No.3)	C.O.	4	9
" "	82. Trinity Lane (No.3)	C.O.	5	10
" "	83. Druid Street (No.1)	C.O.	2	4
" "	84. Alma Road	C.O.	3	7
" "	85. Druid Street (No.2)	C.O.	7	18
" "	86. Mill View	C.P.O.	4	10
" "	87. Mill Street (No.3)	C.P.O.	2	6
" "	88. Mill Street (No.4)	C.P.O.	6	14
" "	89. Strutt Road (No.1)	C.O.	4	5
" "	90. Strutt Road (No.2)	C.O.	2	6
" "	91. Church Street, Burbage	C.P.O. +	5(2 grey)	8(5 grey)
" "	92. Carrs Row	C.P.O.	20	42
" "	93. High St.(No.4) Earl Shilton	C.O.	7	19
" "	94. Heath Lane	C.O.	3	10
" "	95. Keats Lane (No.2)	C.P.O.	7	14
" "	96. Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding	C.P.O.	6	15

TOTALS 16 AREAS 87 197

+ AREA 91, C.P.O., 2 houses were included as grey properties containing 5 persons, making a total of

89	202
<u>Houses</u>	<u>Persons</u>

The whole of the Clearance Orders and 6 of the 7 Compulsory Purchase Orders were confirmed during the year.

The Minister certified that 4 houses should be regarded as being well maintained for the purpose of payments under s.42, of the 1936 Act.

(b) HOUSES DEALT WITH AS INDIVIDUAL UNFITS

			<u>Closing Order</u>	<u>Demolition Order</u>
1 Wood Street.	Castle	5 persons	1	
57 Chapel St.	Barwell	3 "	1	
10 Wood St.	Castle	4 "	1	
8 Horsepool.	Burbage	6 "		1
47 Wood St.	Earl Shilton	2 "		1
12 New St.	De Montfort	6 "	1	
57 New St.	" "	3 "	1	
127 Church St.	Burbage	3 "	1	
369a Coventry Rd.	Trinity	4 "		1
369b " "	" "	3 "		1
Jericho House.	Clarendon	5 "		1
11 Houses		44 Persons	6 C.Os.	5 D.Os.

During 1957,

87	houses	were dealt with in Areas
11	"	were dealt with as Individual Unfits by formal procedure
5	"	were dealt with by informal procedure

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leaving 307 houses in our 5 year programme still to be dealt with.

It was contemplated that the 627 houses in our 5 year programme would have been dealt with by 1960. The restriction on capital expenditure and increased mortgage interest rates will cause this period to be extended, maybe to 1963.

(f) TOTAL NUMBER OF UNFIT HOUSES DEALT WITH SINCE 1932

(a) By Clearance or Compulsory Purchase Orders	=	700 houses & 2,030 persons displaced
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(b) Individual Unfit Houses by Demolition or Closing Orders	=	296 " & 874 "
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TOTAL		<u>996 houses & 2,904 persons displaced</u>
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20. F. HOUSING ACT, 1957. PART IV. OVERCROWDING

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	...	3
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	...	4
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	...	21
(b) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	...	4
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	23

21. G. HOUSING SUMMARY

(a) Total number of occupied houses in the district	13,263
(b) Total number of Council houses occupied in district	3,095

22. H. HOUSING ACT, 1949 AS AMENDED

Improvement Grants

The position relating to the making of Improvement Grants was reviewed and it was decided that the operation of this part of the Act should stand deferred.

The work of providing a number of flats by the conversion of a large residence which was referred to in last year's report is proceeding satisfactorily.

23. I. RENT RESTRICTION ACTS

The Rent and Repairs Act of 1954 and the Rent Act of 1957 have caused a considerable amount of extra work for the department.

117 cases were dealt with and entered in my register

54	regarding	proposed rent increases,
28	"	the permissible rent,
9	"	rent increase notices (Form A)
8	"	evictions,
7	"	the service of Form G. concerning repairs,
6	"	alleged excessive rent,
3	"	tenants application for Certificate of Disrepair.
1	"	the payment of rates, and
1	"	a controlled tenancy.

Many verbal enquiries were also dealt with.

CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

(a) Under the 1954 Act from 1.1.57 to 5.7.57

2 were granted following applications made during December 1956.

(b) Under the 1957 Act from 6.7.57 to 31.12.57

(1) No. of applications for certificates	... 24	(2 not proceeded with.)
(2) No. of decisions not to issue certificates	... Nil	
(3) No. of decisions to issue certificates	... 22	
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	... 1	
(b) in respect of all defects	... 7	
(4) No. of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of 1st Schedule	... 14	
(5) No. of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to para 5. of 1st Schedule	... Nil	
(6) No. of Certificates issued	... 8	

PART II. APPLICATION FOR CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATES

(7) Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of Certificates	...	5(1954 Act)
(8) Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificates	...	Nil
(9) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objection	...	Nil
(10) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	...	5

The changes brought about by the 1957 Act relating to the issue of Certificates of Disrepair are retrogressive.

The tenant sets out the repairs on Form G. In many cases the items of disrepair are wrongly defined, the obvious disrepair may be set out and more serious disrepair omitted.

After much time has been expended on deciphering the Form G, inspecting the premises and the service of Forms J, L, M & N, it is left to the tenant to object to the determination of the Certificate of Disrepair within a period of 3 weeks. If the tenant does not object, the determination can proceed. Very few tenants have the knowledge to deal with this position satisfactorily and a return to the 1954 Act procedure would result in a more efficient abatement of disrepair with less effort and paper work.

Form K, the landlord's undertaking to do the repairs after service of Form J. could well be reduced from a period of six months to three months.

The multiplicity of prescribed forms causes confusion and delay to all parties without achieving anything like the desired result.

24. SCHOOLS

A defective drainage system was made satisfactory at one school.

Several of the school canteens have been inspected under the Food Hygiene Regulations.

25. SWIMMING BATH

The Swimming Bath is operated by the Council, the water is filtered and chlorinated.

5 samples of water were taken, 1 for chemical examination and 4 for bacteriological examination. They were all declared satisfactory. A new boiler with an automatic underfeed stoker was installed during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

26. MILK SUPPLY

<u>DAIRIES (other than dairy farms) and DISTRIBUTORS (Section 8. Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949)</u>				
No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Contraventions		
		Found	Remedied	Outstanding on 31/12/57
Dairies 8	19	11	6	5
Distributors 29	12	2	1	1

(a) BIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLES

No. of Routine Bulk Samples taken	Results of Biological Examination		
	Satisfactory	Evidence of living Tubercle Bacilli	Evidence of Brucella Abortus
16	16	Nil	Nil

Types of milk sampled

Tuberculin Tested = 3
Tuberculin Tested (Farm Bottled) = 13

The number of distributors selling raw milk has been reduced to 4, 2 of these being producer retailers.

(b) BACTERIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLING

Class	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	TOTAL
Tuberculin Tested	3	-	3
Tuberculin Tested (Farm Bottled)	10	3	13
T.T. (Pasteurised)	13	-	13
Pasteurised	28	-	28
* Repeat samples taken from these producers proved satisfactory.	54	3	57

(c) Phosphatase Test

All the samples of Pasteurised milk satisfied the phosphatase test.

(d) Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Particulars of Licences issued:

- (a) Dealers Licences: Pasteurised 20, Sterilised Nil.
(b) Supplementary Licences: Pasteurised 1, Sterilised Nil.

(e) Milk (Special Designation)(Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949

Particulars of Licences issued:

- (a) Dealers Licences ... 25
(b) Supplementary Licences ... 1

- (f) The County Public Health Inspector has supplied me with particulars of the sample results obtained from the two pasteurising dairies operating in our district.

	DAIRY 'A'		DAIRY 'B'	
<u>Methylene Blue Test</u>	T.T.	Past.	T.T.	Past.
Total No. of samples tested:				
Satisfactory	48	50	46	51
Unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
<u>Phosphatase Test</u>				
Total No. of samples tested				
Satisfactory	48	50	46	51
Unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
<u>Churn Sterility Test</u>				
Total No. of churns tested:				
Satisfactory		12		10
Fairly Satisfactory		-		6
Unsatisfactory.		-		-
<u>Bottle Sterility Test</u>				
Total No. of bottles tested:				
Satisfactory		6		27
Fairly Satisfactory		-		1
Unsatisfactory		-		10

27. ICE-CREAM

Registered Premises

No. of premises registered:

(a) Manufacture and retail	.....	3
(b) Manufacture only	.....	Nil
(c) Retail only	.....	135

No. of samples ... 23

Results:

Grade 1	.....	13
Grade 2	.....	5
Grade 3	.....	2
Grade 4	.....	3

The Grade 4 samples were produced by one trader from outside the Urban District and sold from a vehicle in the district. The authority who had registered the producing premises was written to and eventually a Grade 1. sample was obtained.

10 Iced lollies were submitted to bacteriological examination and reported as satisfactory.

28. MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

- (a) There are seven private slaughterhouses in the district. Ante-mortem inspection is made whenever possible and one hundred per cent post-mortem inspection takes place.

(b) Carcases inspected and condemned

	Cattle exclud- ing- Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	H O r s e s	TOTAL
Number killed	1812	11	20	8453	3398	-	13694
Number inspected	1812	11	20	8453	3398	-	13694
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS</u>							<u>Total weight in lbs.</u>
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	1	-	-	79
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	208	3	-	27	93	-	3461
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	11.47	27.27	-	.33	2.73	-	3540
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	4	-	-	-	1	-	2851
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	105	2	-	-	54	-	4798
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	6.01	18.18	-	-	16.18	-	7649

TOTAL WEIGHT CONDEMNED DURING YEAR = 4 tons, 19 cwts. 101 lbs.

Cysticercosis

21 cattle excluding cows were found to be infected with cysts and 246 lbs. of meat was condemned owing to this condition.

1 carcass was put into cold store and retained for three weeks at a temperature of 20 Fah. before being released for human consumption.

(c) Meat Inspection

The amount of meat condemned during the year was 4 tons, 19 cwts, 101 lbs. compared with 3 tons, 17 cwts, 55 lbs. last year.

The animals killed for food were about the same. 11 cows only were killed and the quality in general was maintained at the high standard referred to in my last year's report.

1,464 visits were made for the purpose of meat and food inspection, many of them being made outside normal working hours.

The incidence of tuberculosis is lessening amongst bovines and this is evident in the slaughterhouse.

The amount of meat condemned due to tuberculosis was 3 tons, $8\frac{1}{4}$ cwts, or just over twice as much as that condemned due to diseases other than tuberculosis.

There is no room for complacency in the Animal Health field despite the encouraging trend.

(d) Other Foods

Commodity	Tins	lbs.	ozs.	Pts.	Remarks
Clotted Cream	14	4	6		
Sweetened Condensed Milk	36			$66\frac{7}{8}$	
Evaporated Milk	97	15	4	$117\frac{3}{8}$	
Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce	9	7	14		
Italian Tomatoes	344	404	12		
Pilchards in Tomato	9	6	8		
Beans in Tomato Sauce	3	3	-		
Mushroom Soup	6	1	13		
Tomato Soup	13	14	$11\frac{1}{2}$		
Chicken Soup	6	4	19		
Ox-Tail Soup	2	1	15		
Celery Soup	2	1	15		
Vegetable Soup	10	9	7		
Whole Carrots	4	3	$6\frac{1}{2}$		
Peaches (Sliced & Whole)	81	121	14		
Mandarin Oranges	28	23	14		
Apricots (Whole & Halves)	30	39	6		
Strawberries	12	12	12		

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Commodity	Tins	lbs.	ozs.	Pts.	Remarks
Pineapple (Slices & Pieces)	50	15	15		
Fruit Salad	9	8	12 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Cherries	13	24	10		
Bartlett Pears	42	64	8		
Plums (Golden & Victoria)	133	160	1		
Raspberries	4	4	2		
Loganberries	2	1	14		
Grapefruit	37	26	-		
Dessert Gooseberries	2	2	8		
Orange Juice	2	1	14		
Chopped Pork	1	-	12		
Ox-Tongue	7	42	-		
2 Bellies of Irish Pork		23			Parcel
French Gammon Ham	1	12	10		
Pork Luncheon Meat	7	11	5		
Val Morn Pork	1	-	6 $\frac{1}{2}$		
5 Shoulders of Pork		99	approx.		
Pork in Juice	5	4	12		
Cured Pork	1	-	12		
Bovril Corned Beef	39	158	5		
Stewed Steak	35	25	11		
Beef Luncheon Meat	45	26	6		
3 Parts of Beef Hindquarters		137	approx.		
10 fores New Zealand Lamb		120			
Cooked Shoulder of Ham	2	20	2		
Cooked Shoulder of Bacon	3	27	3		
Shoulder of Ham	6	54	7		
Scotch Broth	1	-	15 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Nescafe	4	-	7		
Whole Chicken	2	9	-		
Trimmings - loins of Pork		4	10		Parcel
Pigs Liver		3	-		
11 Pork Pies		11	-		
Pluck, intestines & stomach of pig		18	-		
Frozen Pig Kidneys		28	-		Box
Meat Tongue Paste	4	-	2 $\frac{1}{4}$		
Australian Lambs Liver		10	-		Box
Processed Peas	307	114	3 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Pork Sausage		68			2 Packages
Beef Sausage		46			1 Package
Scotch Herrings	2	1	5		
Canadian & other Salmon	31	13	10 $\frac{1}{4}$		
Pilchards	3	1	15		
Lobster	4	-	14		
Baked Beans	117	80	12		Contd. ...

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Commodity	Tins	lbs.	ozs.	Pts.	Remarks
Crab Meat	4	2	8 $\frac{1}{4}$		
Apricot Jam	2	4			
Sliced Bacon		2			Parcel
Processed Cheese			4		
Prawns	1		6		
Asparagus	1		15		
Marmalade		1			Jar
Sardines	4	1	8		
Cheese Trimmings		21			Parcel
39 Sponge Puddings		6	12		
Tuna Fish	11	4	13		
Cheese Spread		17			12 Pkts.
Lemon Sole		14			
Plaice		7			
50 Family Pies					
3 Dustbinsful Ice Cream in Cartons - uncertain quantity					
Piccalilli					Small Jar
Macaroni	2	1			
Heinz Vegetable Salad	2		15		
Shelled Pea Nuts		32			Bag
Cremalt Flour		280			2 Bags
70 (quart)packets Soup Powders					Box
Rhubarb in Syrup	1		15 $\frac{1}{2}$		
TOTALS	1,656	2,562	0 $\frac{1}{4}$	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	

Food Observation

Arising from the various information put forward when dealing with stale sausage rolls, I deemed it necessary to check on the rate of mould formation. Three sausage rolls were purchased and placed in varying situations in the office. Daily observation was kept and in all cases after five days, slight mould formation began to show. This increased slightly for approximately four days and then the sausage hardened and there seemed to be no further development of mould formation until 4th July, when the observations begun on the 21st May, finished. In effect, these rolls were not showing any green mould.

The rolls were 43 days old and the result of this observation was in conflict with a statement made that green mould formation occurred in four days.

29. SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The seven slaughterhouses have been maintained in a reasonably satisfactory state. Licences have been granted in all cases for a period expiring in July, 1959.

During August, the recommended minimum standards for the construction, layout and equipment of slaughterhouses in England and Wales for the purpose of securing humane slaughter and hygienic conditions, were received from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

These standards will become law when the Slaughterhouses Bill now passing through parliament receives the Royal Assent.

The slaughterhouses will be inspected bearing in mind the prescribed minimum standards. The main deficiency in the slaughterhouses is the shortage of space, space to provide for a stunning pen, space for a cooling room, space for the ancillary parts of the slaughterhouse, etc.

I hope some of our slaughterhouse occupiers will be able to make their premises comply.

30. KNACKER YARD

10 inspections were made of the Knacker Yard which is situate in the Barwell Ward. No contraventions were found. Generally the premises are well maintained and kept in a satisfactory condition.

31. FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955

1. (a)	Number of premises inspected	... 264
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	... 533
(c)	Number of Informal Notices served	... 25
(d)	Number of Informal Notices complied with	... 25
(e)	Number of Informal Notices outstanding Dec. 31st.	... 22
(f)	Number of Formal Notices served	... Nil
(g)	Number of Formal Notices complied with	... Nil
(h)	Number of Formal Notices outstanding Dec. 31st.	... Nil

The following table sets out the type of premises visited and the action taken apart from Ice-Cream premises, dairies, the market and licensed and club premises.

PREMISES	VISITED	INSPECTIONS	CONTRAVENTIONS	ABATED
Meat Shops	29	36	119	10
Meat Rooms	11	17	34	11
Fried Fish & Chipped Potatoes	10	10	54	1
Canteens	18	21	67	-
Bakehouses	12	16	53	3
Others	94	111	221	11
TOTALS	174	211	548	36

The inspection of food premises was done during the last quarter of the year which mainly accounts for the small proportion of contra-ventions being abated at the end of the year.

32. LICENSED AND CLUB PREMISES

81 initial visits and 116 revisits were made.

The following improvements were carried out during the year:-

Redecoration of cellars	...	5
Cellar floors repaired or relaid	...	4
Water supply fitted to cellar	...	2
New beer storage room (refrigerated) constructed to eliminate unsatisfactory cellar	...	1
Extractor fans fitted in public rooms	...	21
Redecoration of public rooms	...	24
Furniture/fittings repaired or renewed	...	9
Various repairs in public rooms	...	18
Serving counters covered with Formica	...	20
Stainless steel sink units fitted	...	7
Other new sinks fitted	...	1
Sink waste pipes put in satisfactory condition	...	2

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Sterilising agents brought into use	...	5	
Automatic Dispensers fitted	...	6	
Hot water supplied over sinks	...	7	
Hand Washing basins fitted	...	4	
Hot Water supplied over hand washing basins	...	7	
Beer Pumps renewed	...	1	set
Additional W.C. provided	...	5	
W.C. renewed	...	1	
New urinal constructed	...	1	
Flushing Cistern provided to urinal	...	1	
Miscellaneous work to sanitary conveniences	...	32	
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		184	

33. OPEN WEEKLY MARKET

54 inspections were made and 10 contraventions were found, 7 being abated at the end of the year.

Protection of food against contamination has been further improved.

There has been no change relating to washing facilities from the position set out in my last Annual Report.

34. FOOD POISONING

7 cases of food poisoning were notified,
5 of Salmonella Typhi-murium and
2 of Staphylococcus aureus.

No outbreaks occurred during the year, the cases notified were of a sporadic nature and were widely scattered in the district. Enquiries failed to reveal any common cause.

9 unnotified cases occurred during the latter part of the year. The identified agent in seven of these cases, contained in three families, was Salmonella Typhi-murium whilst the remaining two cases in one family were found to be Salmonella heidelberg. These cases were scattered and investigations failed to reveal any cause.

All food poisoning cases are thoroughly investigated and full use is made of the services of Dr. N. S. Mair and his staff at the Public Health Laboratory, Groby Road, Leicester.

The Ministry of Health in their latest Food Poisoning memorandum state:-

"Analysis of the reports show that the outbreaks for which no cause was found were largely those which for one reason or another were not thoroughly investigated."

The causes of our sporadic cases of food poisoning were not found but I can definitely state this failure was not due to inadequate investigation. 110 visits were made regarding food poisoning and 90 specimens were collected and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory.

35. FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

(a) There are 316 factories on our register. The trades carried on in these being as follows:-

Hosiery Manufacture	...	...	...	...	96
Underwear "	...	...	...	...	7
Clothing	...	...	...	...	2
Wholesale Drapers	...	...	...	...	1
Artificial Silk Winding	...	...	...	...	1
Boot & Shoe Manufacture	...	...	...	...	32
Cardboard Box Manufacture	...	...	...	...	5
Dyers & Cleaners	...	...	...	...	5
Printing	...	...	...	...	9
Chemical Manufacture	...	...	...	...	1
Mineral Water Manufacture	...	...	...	...	1
Concrete Products Manufacture	...	...	...	...	1
Engineering Factories	...	...	...	...	19
Electrical Engineering	...	...	...	...	11
Hosiery Machine Repair Engineer	...	...	...	...	1
Joinery & Wheelwright	...	...	...	...	7
Furniture & Upholstery Repairs & Soft Furnishing	...	...	...	...	9
Building & Timber Merchants	...	...	...	...	38
Automobile Engineers	...	...	...	...	27
Car Spares Dealer	...	...	...	...	1
Caravan & Boat Manufacture	...	...	...	...	1
Public Transport Depots	...	...	...	...	4
Display Studios	...	...	...	...	4
Boot & Shoe Repair	...	...	...	...	18
Bakers & Confectioners	...	...	...	...	7
Pasteurising Plants	...	...	...	...	2
Gas & Electricity Suppliers	...	...	...	...	2
Dental Mechanics	...	...	...	...	4

TOTAL 316

13 premises were visited, 2 were satisfactory,
 11 had defective sanitary accommodation,
 2 had structural defects and in one factory there was no
 separate accommodation for the sexes.
 38 inspections were made and 22 of the 25 contraventions or
 defects were abated and 3 were in hand.

(b) Outworkers

Returns received from	120 firms
Number of firms who employ outworkers	75
" " outworkers employed	364
" " local outworkers employed	310
" " outworkers employed who reside in other districts	54
" " firms who sent in a Nil return	45

The number of outworkers employed 364, shows a considerable
 reduction from last year's total of 571.

36. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

1,178 inspections were made in connection with the destruction
 of rats, mice or pests.

The report of 12 months work ending 31st March 1958 was sent
 to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the
 following information is set out from it:-

No. of properties to be protected	14,297
No. of properties inspected, as a result of:-	
(a) notification	151
(b) Survey under the Act	70
(c) Otherwise	50
No. of properties found to be infested:-	
(a) Rats, major infestation	1
minor " "	138
(b) Mice, minor " "	39

All these infestations were efficiently treated.

Contract Premises

32 premises had a contract with the Health Department to remove
 any infestation of rats, or mice, or beetles from their premises.

Sewer Baiting

The fifteenth treatment of sewers was made during April, May and June. There was no indication of any serious infestation. Almost one third of the manholes were baited and one sixth of the manholes baited had takes of bait from them.

A second treatment was carried out later in the year in the sewers on the Three Pots estate where evidence of infestation was found. The result of this treatment is not included in the table below.

Summary of Manholes baited and results

District	No. of M/H.	No. Pre-baited	No. of Complete Takes	No. of Part Takes	No. Poison baited
Central Wards	537	178	24	11	35
Burbage	241	80	15	1	16
Barwell	151	45	1	1	2
Earl Shilton	185	42	2	8	10
Stoke Golding	21	12	-	-	-
	1135	357	42	21	63

37. STAFF

The post of Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector which was vacant from 31st October 1956 was filled by the promotion of Mr. L. F. Whitmore, the senior additional inspector. Despite frequent advertisements for an inspector to fill the vacancy, no applications have been received. This means that for the whole of 1957 we have been one inspector less than our actual strength was and two less than the establishment. Mr. A. G. Toon, the pupil has proved most useful during the year and helped to tackle the increasing burden of the duties which fall on the technical staff.

It is impossible to do the work that should be done.

TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL

YEAR	POPULATION	BIRTHS	BIRTH RATE	DEATHS	DEATH RATE	INFANT MORTALITY RATE
1899 ...	11,019	361	30.08	193	16.08	160.6
1909 ...	12,576	335	27.6	190	15.1	146.2
1919 ...	13,707	208	12.99	171	11.12	100.9
1929 ...	15,650	294	18.9	223	14.2	71.4
1939 ...	34,360	594	17.2	336	9.6	47.0
1940 ...	35,060	601	17.1	364	10.38	47.0
1941 ...	35,887	574	15.96	397	11.06	50.5
1942 ...	35,044	654	18.66	321	9.11	42.8
1943 ...	34,498	681	19.71	328	9.5	36.7
1944 ...	34,430	753	21.9	335	9.7	27.9
1945 ...	34,400	688	20.0	323	9.3	26.1
1946 ...	36,620	855	23.3	366	9.9	44.4
1947 ...	37,650	858	22.79	397	10.5	46.8
1948 ...	38,580	785	20.39	364	9.4	24.2
1949 ...	38,750	691	17.83	396	10.2	27.4
1950 ...	39,050	680	17.41	367	9.39	26.85
1951 ...	38,980	683	17.5	392	10.05	46.8
1952 ...	39,080	605	15.48	348	8.9	26.44
1953 ...	39,310	669	17.01	356	9.05	32.88
1954 ...	39,680	577	14.54	413	10.40	24.26
1955 ...	39,800	569	14.29	394	9.89	33.39
1956 ...	40,020	593	14.81	356	8.89	25.29
1957 ...	40,090	629	15.68	397	9.90	30.20

